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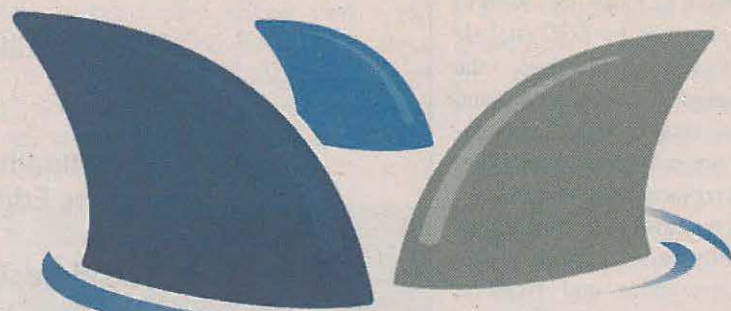
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Your connection to NSU's social networks

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NSU is taking the jump into the social-networking world of communication. By connecting with students through social networking sites such as Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and LinkedIn, NSU is seeking to create synergy and to bridge the gap between the students and the administration.

By branching out into the social networking community, prospective students are able to learn about the university, what it has to offer on a professional level

and have the chance to discover more about NSU campus life.

According to Amaraé Blyden-Richards, marketing and social media coordinator, as well as an MBA student, although some might assume this project has an administrative focus, this is not the case. The initiative is for students to take ownership of the sites, shifting the power from the administration to the students, so they see the importance of their voice.

The goal of this action is to allow students to get involved

and have an opinion on what type of information goes on the social networking Web sites. The sites also give students a place to express their views about the university, give suggestions on how to improve things on campus and receive feedback.

The networks will further help student clubs and organizations by giving them another outlet to promote events, creating a new medium for them to reach students.

The university's first step towards embracing the world of social networking is by throwing

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NSU Not In Jeopardy by Economic Climate

NAIDA ALCIME
NEWS EDITOR

With a weakening market continuing to make headlines, the reality of the latest economic downturn is in the minds of the American people. Right before our eyes, major corporations have gone bankrupt, assembly plants have shut down and all the while unemployment rates have reached record highs. Among the countless institutions that have been affected by the recession, universities too have to reassess their budgets just to stay afloat.

Just last month "The Miami Herald" reported that the University of Miami plans to cut its budget, freeze salaries and may even suspend pension contributions for employees as it grapples with the worsening economy. Some researchers predict that many more costly private universities will not only have to make similar

changes but will also see a drop in enrollment.

According to Moody's Investors Service, this decrease is expected to come because with

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- David Heron

jobs being lost, home values dropping and the value of market investments tumbling, many families have less money for college and will opt out for the cheaper option. The report went as far as to name NSU as

one of the schools that may see this trend. However, sources from the Budget Administration at NSU are saying otherwise.

Ginny Tardo, a university budget officer, provided concrete numbers about NSU's budget. According to Tardo, NSU's revenue budget has increased over the past two years from 477 million in 2008 to about 544 million projected for 2010. NSU's expense budget has also increased from 450 million in 2008 to 521 million projected for 2010. "[The budget has increased] mainly because tuition rates went up by 5.89 percent," said Tardo, "[and] the University School's rates went up by 6.3 percent."

NSU's primary source of revenue is tuition and fees, which accounts for 78 percent of its total income. Students such as first-year medical student, Nitin Wadhwa, have noticed the gradual increase in tuition rates. "I've noticed

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NSU Says Goodbye to Second-Hand Smoke



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On Feb. 27, Gov. Charlie Crist declared the week of Feb. 27 through March 7 to be "Tobacco Free Florida Week" in order to promote a healthier lifestyle throughout the state. This action was mirrored by NSU's Department of Recreation and Wellness in the form of a new initiative called "Healthy Sharks," where NSU will be making a transition to a smoke-free campus.

As of July 2009, smoking will be prohibited everywhere on campus except at a dozen of designated smoking sites, which will be located at least 50 feet from buildings. Smoking will be prohibited in all other areas, including all NSU campuses and Student Educational Centers.

According to Tom Vitucci, director of campus recreation and collaborator of "Healthy Sharks," the revision to the smoking policy has been in process for two years. The department surveyed the PAN-Student Association, Residential Student Association and the Dean's Council as part of the research conducted before passing the policy.

"It's not so much that we want to punish smokers. We just want to help make the university members healthier," said Vitucci. "[We are not] simply revising the smoking policy. This is part of the 'Healthy Sharks' program which will include other initiatives to help improve people's health."

Efforts have been made to inform students about the change by way of e-mails and newsletters. "I think it's a good idea but it is not so bad on this campus. In my old school—Ball State in Indiana—you could not walk outside without being covered in smoke," said Kaitlin Horvath, a sophomore marine biology major.

The university's goal in adopting this new policy is mainly to eliminate the exposure of secondhand smoke from those members who do not smoke or wish to be exposed to smoke. This change was also made in correlation of smoking with cancer and death for both smokers and non-smokers exposed to secondhand smoke. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention

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shows that these concerns are justified as Florida was in the second highest category of lung cancer rates in 2005.

"Secondhand smoke has been proven to be dangerous in a number of instances. Eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke is important for many people with chronic pulmonary (lung) problems, such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease," said Patricia Kelly, associate professor, director and doctor of the Health Science Program in the Health Professions Division.

"Children are also highly affected. Children exposed to secondhand smoke get asthma and ear infections more frequently. In addition, students who do not see their peers smoke, either in public or in private, are less likely to start smoking themselves."

Other students are not only concerned about the medical consequences smoking produces but also about the monetary repercussions that come with them.

"Smoking causes about half of the

deaths and diseases in this country, from strokes and cancer to heart attacks," said Daniel Blackaby, a first-year medical student. "If those people can pay for the medical care they require, then fine, go ahead and smoke if you want. However, if you look at the people who smoke, most of them cannot afford to pay it and so it falls on us [to pay]."

Among other things, "Healthy Sharks" will seek to encourage students to take advantage of existing cessation programs and resources at NSU, which are available year-round to those who want to quit. Programs provided by NSU include motivational counseling through the Guided Self-Change Clinic, support and readiness assessments by NSU pharmacists, as well as prescription and over-the-counter nicotine replacement therapies.

If you are interested in quitting or want more information, please call the Office of Recreation and Wellness at (954) 262-7042.

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that tuition has skyrocketed progressively," said Wadhwa, "and it's financially crunching."

While Wadhwa acknowledged the challenges he faced with having to pay more for school, he expressed appreciation for the innovations that he has seen take place on campus. "We've expanded, which can be seen in the new buildings. Our campus body has increased, which is a good phenomenon."

David Heron, vice president for finance at NSU, laid out NSU's financial situation quite clearly. According to Heron, the extent that NSU has been affected by the "bad" economy is not significant though noticeable.

Areas that are of concern include the Florida Resident Access Grant, which the state is looking to reduce, and funding for NSU's medical school, which is currently in jeopardy. However, Heron explained that such changes will not hurt NSU too much because NSU does not rely much on endowment.

Heron went on to discuss the fact that because many state schools are capping its students and turning others down, NSU does not expect to see a dramatic change in enrollment. "Thus far we have not seen a drop in enrollment," said Heron.

Regina Schawaroch, M.S., director of undergraduate admissions confirmed this assertion. "Our application pool is up from last year," Schawaroch said. "For several years, there has been a national trend for students to apply to more colleges, which makes it harder for us to know who is really intending to enroll until very close to the start of the fall semester. Even so, we

have increased enrollment every year and are planning to do so again this fall."

Schawaroch further discussed efforts that NSU is making to ensure that enrollment increases, or at least remains the same. "We are current with the changing demographics and the results of the uncertain economic climate and we are modifying our recruitment activities accordingly," Schawaroch said.

"We have been partnering very closely with the Enrollment and Student Services office, which handles financial aid, to award students earlier in the year. This will help new students make their decisions about where they can afford to attend," she said.

Heron commented on another reason why NSU's enrollment should be fine. "We're in a unique position [because] we're a comprehensive university. We're probably the only other school—other than UF—that offers everything. And because we offer so many options, students will actually turn to us."

Concerning employment, Heron had this to say: "NSU will be offering no new positions, and will hold the raise pool until next semester. If fall enrollments go up, we will give raises but we will wait three months."

Heron seemed to have assuring words for current NSU staff members. "We have no reason to have staff reduction," said Heron. "Many schools like Barry, FAU and FIU are giving no raises. In fact, they're reducing staff. We're still confident that we're going to have a good year next year [though] it won't be as good as this year."



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launch parties called "Fan Frenzy," where students are given the opportunity to log-on to any one of the social networking sites and add one of the networks on the spot.

On March 19, NSU held a launch party on the main campus in Davie, Fla., but other launch parties are planned to take place on all of the NSU campuses.

"Today's reaction from the students has been extremely positive. The university is finally recognizing what students are in touch with," said Blyden-Richards.

Suzette Blanco, a junior biology major, also commented, "I think it is good to get the students connected by promoting unity. Plus, it's fun!"

One of the advantages of adding a "Fan Frenzy" network is that one is automatically entered in a raffle for a chance to win one of 10 iPod touches or the grand prize—a 40" widescreen, flat-panel television.

If you are a "fan" on Facebook, you can also receive additional entries by uploading a "fan photo," which must have been taken

on campus, with a sign from the school, a shark or with you wearing something from NSU. For every 10 comments received—commenting on your own photo does not count—you will receive another additional entry. The contest ends April 20, and prizes will be awarded April 24.

In her final comment, Blyden-Richards said, "This is a great opportunity for social media to bridge the gap between our global campuses. This particular platform touches all online community members alike, making a tremendous impact on how the university's image is perceived, the product and services delivered and the lives of their students taught."

For more information on how to connect with "Fan Frenzy" or about the other launch parties, please visit www.nova.edu/social. If you would like an event to be featured on one of the "Fan Frenzy" networks, please send a description of the event to social@nova.edu seven to 10 days prior to the event.

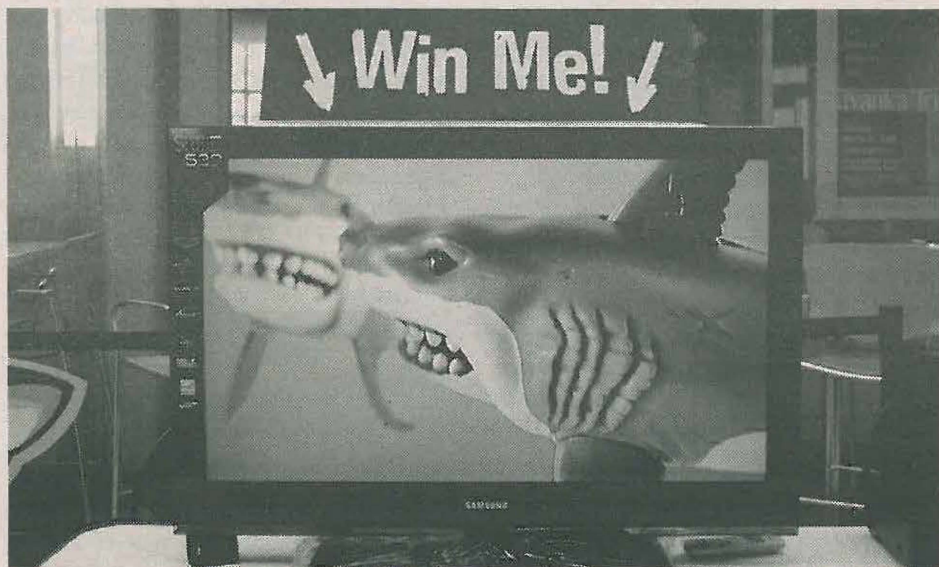


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The 40" flat-screen television (pictured above) is one of the prizes that students can win if they join NSU on one of the social networks.

WebMail E-Mail Service Beats SharkLink

NAIDA ALCIME
NEWS EDITOR

In August 2008, the Office of Information Technologies and Digital Media launched the new portal, "SharkLink," whereby NSU students, faculty and staff can sign-in to one source and have access to all available applications including e-mail, personal and shared Web calendars, as well as online groups. The program serves as a "one-stop shop" and integration of NSU applications such as WebSTAR and WebCT.

NSU students provided their opinions of the portal, which has been available to the NSU community for seven months. In a survey of 54 random students from the Farquhar College of Arts and Science, the H. Wayne Huizenga Business School and the Shepard Broad Law Center, titled "SharkLink vs. WebMail," students were asked five questions relating to their use of SharkLink and WebMail to check their e-mails.

From the onset of the survey, it was clear that the subject was important and students were eager to provide their opinions. Khayel Koppar, a senior biology major and president of Tri Beta, generally preferred to use WebMail though he was familiar with SharkLink. "The interface in WebMail is a lot cleaner and easier to use than the interface of the mail in SharkLink," said Koppar. "The concept behind SharkLink is fine, however it's structurally unsound."

Of all those surveyed, about 91 percent of the students said that their

first choice when checking their e-mail is WebMail. When asked what they thought of SharkLink, 43 percent of students surveyed felt SharkLink was decent with the e-mail service suiting their expectations, while 31 percent of students said they disliked it.

Brian Montero, a second-year psychology major, reflected this percentage of students who were satisfied with SharkLink. "I like SharkLink," said Montero. "It's easier to manage more things at once rather than having three different [links]. It's a nice improvement from WebMail."

Concerning their experience while navigating through SharkLink, the second-highest response was an answer of "Not Applicable," at 24 percent, because they had either never used SharkLink or were not familiar enough with it to respond—a figure second to the most popular response of "Decent. Nothing special" at 44 percent.

"I don't necessarily think SharkLink is better or worse than WebMail," said Anam Ismail, a junior legal studies major. "I don't really see its purpose. WebMail was fine with me. [SharkLink] is a bit quicker but overall it doesn't seem to do much else for me than provide links."

While some students felt either one or the other suited them, others were very opinionated about their desire to only use WebMail. "The SharkLink advertisement on my WebMail is ridiculous," said Juan Ruiz, a senior biology major. "When I want to read my e-mail, I want to read my e-mail! It takes too much time to get to the e-mail page."

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SUB "Goes Green" on St. Patrick's Day

ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

On March 17, also known as St. Patrick's Day, the Flight Deck was decorated with green ornaments and resounded with music all through the night, as the Student Union Board tried to create an environment in which students could relax, have fun and mingle.

The celebration began at 8 p.m. and ran until 10 p.m., providing a group of about 30 attendees over 21 years of age the opportunity to drink alcoholic beverages as has become tradition on that day. All students, however, could enjoy sodas and other non-alcoholic beverages plus free food.

"SUB is a great organization that loves

to give back to students and this is a fun and safe environment in which students over 21 can enjoy alcohol," said Ujash Patel, a junior biology major and organizer of the event.

Attendees wore green, dressed as leprechauns, or went as themselves, but they all enjoyed playing pool, watching T.V., drinking green beer for a dollar and mingling with new or old friends.

"I am loving it. I love the fact that I am getting to meet new people. It is my favorite," said Laura Sherwin, a mass communications major, on spring break from Towson University in Maryland.

Kevin Hanlon, a graduate student of pharmacy, agreed. "I mean, the beer is a dollar. I love it. We get to drink beer. What's not to love?" he said.



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NSU students celebrated with cheap pints on St. Patrick's Day at the Flight Deck.

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"The Long Reach of Famine: Sex Ratios, Mating Dynamics, and Sex-Biased Parental Investment": Glenn Scheyd, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, will present a lecture designed to explore sex-biased parental investment hypothesis, which states that parents who are prejudiced to the production of male children and express partiality towards their sons during a food crisis will be selectively advantaged than parents who are unbiased. In this lecture, Scheyd will attempt to support this theory. The lecture will begin at 5 p.m. in Room 240 of the Parker Building. For more information, please visit www.undergrad.nova.edu/articles/fls.

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Wednesday, March 25

Lifelong Learning Lecture: Judith Etzion, Ph.D., will present a lecture titled "Music and Nature," where she will discuss the relationship between them. The lecture will begin at 10 a.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute, located in the University Park Plaza on 3424 South University Drive in Davie, FL. For more information, please contact Heike Dose at (954) 262-8471.

Lifelong Learning Lecture: Gary Gershman, J.D., Ph.D., will present a lecture titled "Colonial America." The lecture will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute, located in the University Park Plaza on 3424 South University Drive in Davie, FL. For more information, please contact Heike Dose at (954) 262-8471.

Thursday, March 26

Turning the Inside Out: A Conversation with George McGovern and John Anderson: Former presidential candidates George McGovern and John B. Anderson will speak and answer questions on their careers in and beyond politics. The forum will be followed by a book signing of McGovern's newly released book "Abraham Lincoln." This event will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the atrium of the Shepard Broad Law Center.

Friday, March 27

University Wide Open House: Do you know someone interested in attending NSU? Then invite them to this open house designed to provide them with information about the university. This event will begin at 3 p.m. in the Don Taft University Center. For more information, please contact the Office of Public Affairs at (954) 262-5355.



Effective Job Searching: Not sure how to find the perfect job? Then attend this workshop designed to provide information on how to perform successful job searches. This workshop will begin at 12 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Alvin Sherman Library. For more information, please contact the Office of Career Development at (954) 262-7201.

Saturday, March 28

Kappa Sigma Strongman Competition: The Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Nova Southeastern University will be hosting this charitable power lifting contest to support the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's cause. The event will begin at 11 a.m. on the Alvin Sherman Library Quad. For more information, please contact Maurice Brown at (954) 920-1760.



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Monday, March 30

Biofeedback and Health Psychology Treatments: Jeffery Kibler, Ph.D., associate professor and director of the Biofeedback and Health Psychology Center will present this lecture designed to give a synopsis of the different kinds of treatments offered by the Biofeedback and Health Psychology Center. This event will begin at 7 p.m. in Room 1017 of the Alvin Sherman Library. For more information, please call (954) 262-5477.

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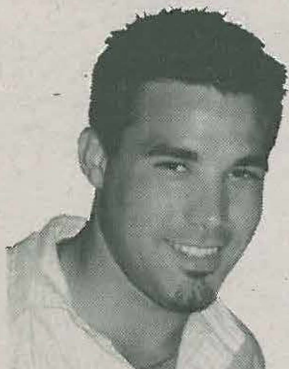
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Mulvey Spends "Final" Moments Discussing Life, Love and Viagra



Ben Mulvey, Ph.D., is presented with a clock plaque at the "Last Lecture Series."

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KRISTINE BELIZAIRE CURRENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

Members of the NSU community gathered on March 19 in the Rosenthal Building's second-floor Multipurpose Room for the "Last Lecture Series" featuring Ben Mulvey, Ph.D., associate professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Humanities.

The "Last Lecture Series" is a biannual lecture designed to answer the question, "If you had only 30 minutes left to speak, what would you say?" The series began in 2005 and has featured professors from the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences and the Fischler School of Education.

Mulvey began by thanking everyone for coming to hear him speak. He drew laughs from the crowd when he said that he suspected that his students came to the event hoping that it was actually his last lecture. "This is not my last lecture," he said enthusiastically.

After agreeing to give his "last lecture," he began to think about the two words, and the word "lecture" troubled him. Mulvey said that he does not like to lecture and believes that lectures often have negative associations.

As college students, lectures were boring to him, and as a professor, he finds lecturing to be boring. "The truth is, I don't like to lecture, but I do like to engage in conversation," he said.

Mulvey added that lecturing implies a certain authority that he is not comfortable with. By giving his "last lecture," for example, he is in a pretend situation, and as such, his authority is pretend as well.

Mulvey went on to say that he does not like to lecture because he is a philosopher, and he does not believe that the job of a teacher or philosopher is to lecture. Instead, he thinks that his job is to motivate people to think on their own. "Telling you things does not provoke thinking," he said.

The word "last" also bothers him because there is a morbid quality associated with the word "last." Mulvey said that we remember the last words given on deathbeds and reflect on them for the clues that they might contain about the meaning of existence. Mulvey said that honestly, he has no idea what he would say on his deathbed. He would have to be in the situation to really know what he would say.

If this was his "last lecture" he would like to be able to speak without fear of any repercussions. In his life, he has had experiences that have not been all pleasant. In his last lecture, he thought that he would like to tell a few people off. One of these people was his boss Mr. Santa Cruz, who he described as a mean and horrible person.

Mulvey said that his list of people who need to "bite him" is pretty long, but he is not satisfied by telling them off. In reality, these people are not important.

Mulvey went on to speak about death, "which was a way of making people remorseful, and makes them want to make amends." He said that before his parents died, he always told them that he loved them. Mulvey tells his sister and the woman that he is involved with that he loves them. He has never killed a man, has never stolen anything and has nothing for which to ask forgiveness. He believes that as we approach death, salvation becomes important, and he wants to be saved from realizing that his life was worthless.

Mulvey spoke about gratitude, and thanked Gus, a deli owner who taught him everything about women. He also thanked the creators of Viagra, which drew laughs from the audience.

Mulvey quoted the Roman orator Cicero who said, "A life employed in the pursuit of useful knowledge, in honorable actions and the practice of virtue, will reap the happiest fruits and yield an unspeakable comfort to the soul."

According to Mulvey, Cicero leaves something out, which is love. He then quoted Rainer Maria Rilke saying, "For one human being to love another, that is perhaps the most difficult of all our tasks, the ultimate, the last test and proof, the work for which all other work is but preparation."

Mulvey believes that love is the most important thing in life. "To love is to risk everything," he said. He added that one cannot love if one doesn't risk the breaking of one's heart.

Mulvey thinks that a broken heart allows people to really love because they understand what love really is. A broken heart reminds us of the price of living. "To love is to have truly lived," he said.

March 19 is his father's birthday, who died 16 years ago. Though his father was not an artist nor a philosopher, he seemed to know a lot about life. "He, more than anyone, gave me the sensibilities to format these thoughts that I have expressed today," said Mulvey.

Mulvey concluded that tonight he will go home, make a martini, listen to a Chet Baker record, smoke an illegal Cuban cigar and say, "Thanks Pop."

"It was very insightful. Very Mulvey," said Yumi Onaga, a senior legal studies major. Veronica Benitez, a doctoral student in psychology also enjoyed the event. "I liked what he said about heartbreak," she said. "In today's society, we tend to have a negative view of suffering, and he made suffering salvific."

Academic Services: More Than Just Tutoring

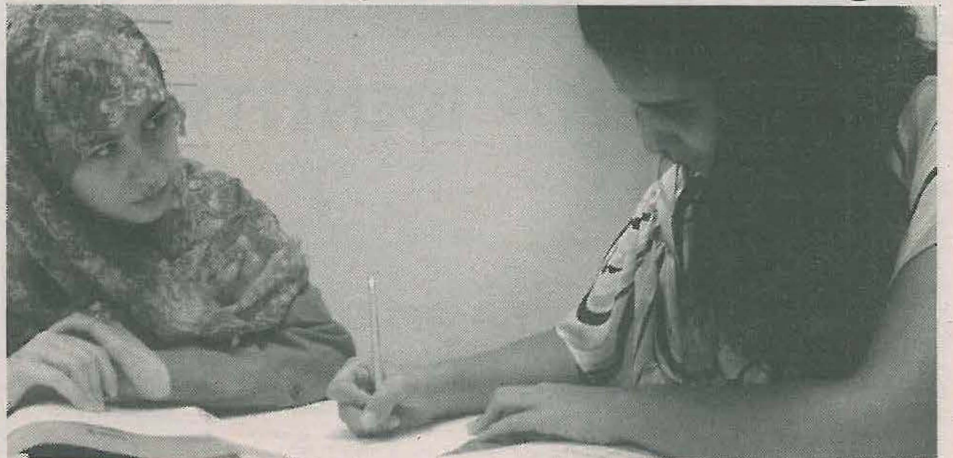


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Jennifer Taramona, a freshman of undecided major receives tutoring in mathematics from Phatima Taheribio, a sophomore biology major.

ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

On March 19, the Office of Academic Services at the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences hosted an open house.

"In terms of students, we designed this open house to show them that this is not a scary place," said Lisa M. Walther-Austin, director of academic services. "It was designed to help students take that step over the threshold and realize that [our services are] not only for students who are falling behind in class but also for those who want to keep a high GPA and get into graduate school."

The event was open to all who wished to attend. Faculty, staff and students could walk through the open door to receive a 10-minute tour of the various services the office offers and students could register to be part of a raffle drawing.

The quiet study room, computer labs and mock tutoring sessions were all shown to attendees who could interact with tutors during the sessions.

"I come here usually to use the computer lab, so I am here almost every day. I have also used the study rooms and taken exams here," said Samia Quadri, a junior biology major.

The office not only offers make-up exams, but also challenge and CLEP exams for students who are interested in bypassing required classes. For these exams, however, you must have an advisor's recommendation or pay a fee, respectively. They also offer online tutoring for students who cannot come to the campus.

The tour also showcased the resources the office has to offer, such as flyers that detail the formatting for different kinds of essays and citation styles. One new addition to these resources is software called "Eye-Q," which helps train the eye to communicate faster with the brain. According to Walther-Austin, this is especially good for students who are taking standardized tests.

"They have flyers on writing and many other interesting things to help students, such as tutoring. It is all very useful," continued Quadri.

The Office of Academic Services at the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences is now participating in the Tools for Success workshops in partnership with Title V. For more information on the Tools for Success workshops you may contact Dalis Dominguez at dalis@nova.edu. To set up an appointment with Academic Services, you may call (954) 262-8350.

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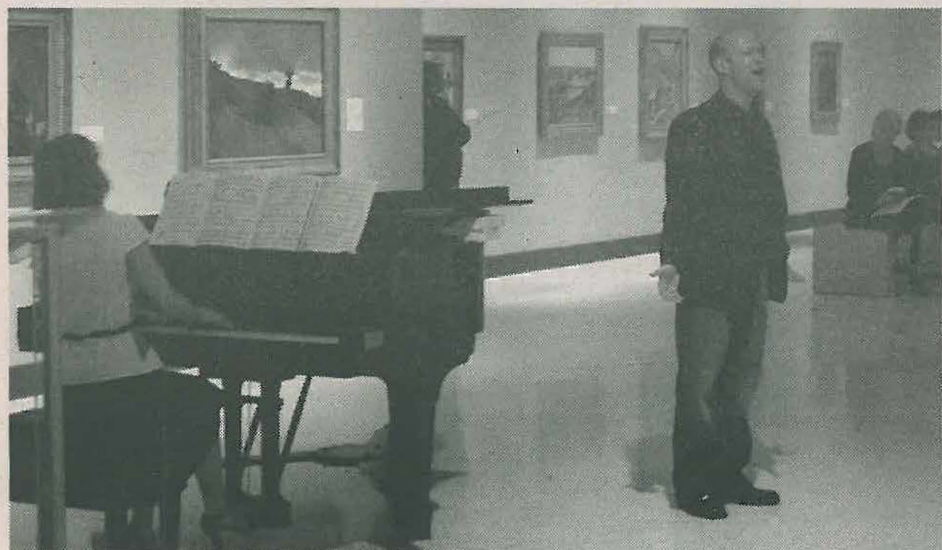


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Bill J. Adams belts out a song as Jennifer Donelson plays the piano exquisitely.

ALEXIS IRIAS STAFF WRITER

On March 19, The Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale, a division of NSU, celebrated its "Third Thursday" event series in March with an "informance" titled "Quintessential or Quirky? – American Vocal Music of the 20th Century."

The "informance" was a lecture and musical performance that explored how American music blossomed during the 20th century. It was also part of the museum's current exhibit "Coming of Age: American Art 1850s to 1950s." The exhibit shows how American artists broke with European tradition and created a distinct American expression.

Bill J. Adams, D.M.A., and Jennifer Donelson, D.M.A., assistant professors in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Performing and Visual Arts, introduced and explained the eclectic works of American composers Samuel Barber and Aaron Copland, John Williams

and Mel Brooks, as well as Broadway music. In addition, they explored what it means for music to "sound American."

Donelson commented on her inspiration with the painting exhibit; she commented on how she wanted to put a program together that kids in high school would find interesting. "If you look at American culture, it's hard to define what it truly is now," said Donelson.

Adams performed songs from the distinct American musicians of the 20th century, while Donelson accompanied him on the piano. The duo had the crowd in laughter with Adam's eccentric performance to "Ching-a-ring Chaw" by Aaron Copland.

At the end of the evening, guests gathered to congratulate both performers and then followed them to the museum's café and wine bar, where drink specials were offered, and then to a docent-led tour of "Coming of Age: American Art 1850s to 1950s" immediately following.

NSU Stays "Up All Night"



Photo by C. Balaban

Morning Star performs a piece by The Beatles and then closes the show with an acoustic-guitar piece of their own.

LAURA STAFF EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In the Don Taft University Center Flight Deck, a respectable audience was dazzled by the vocal stylings of many different artists. The first ever Cultural Coffee House event took place on March 20. The show was a part of the "Up All Night" initiative, as this and other events of the evening were scheduled to run until 2 a.m. The event was sponsored by the Multicultural Affairs Programming Committee of the Student Affairs Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Master of Ceremonies, Yusuf Mendez, a second year graduate student in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution Program at the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences and one of the committee members who helped develop the event, said that the committee wanted "to provide a venue for people to express their culture or cultures in an artistic manner."

Mendez went on to state that lectures can only express culture so much; therefore events like the Cultural Coffee House allow culture to be further expressed in a different way.

Gloria Ann Kitchen, a doctoral student

in the instructional technology and distance education program, reflected the spirit of this event by singing "What is This Thing Called Love," a capella, and encouraging the audience to keep time by snapping their fingers. An added bonus to this particular rendition of the song was the gentlemen that brought improvised-jazz support to her vocals with the mellow sounds of an oboe.

Cherise James, a graduate assistant for multicultural affairs commented, "Cultural Coffee House was organized by M.A.P. to bring the NSU community together to celebrate culture and the arts."

Another collaborative act was an African piece sung by Gladys Momanyi, a doctoral student in the DCAR program also. The song, titled "Hodi Nyangwong," was a sing-a-long during which she incited the help of the audience to keep the beat by intermittently chanting a steady phrase to support the melody of the song.

Zak DeMercado, a friend of the band tentatively named "Morning Star" who also performed tonight, commented on why events such as these are important to the NSU students. "It allows students to come together to show others their talent without fear of judgment."

Kappa Alpha Psi Strolls Onto the NSU Campus

LAURA STAFF EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On the evening of March 20, in front of the Don Taft University Center, Kappa Alpha Psi revealed their "10 Creations of Controversy," who are the chartering line members of this chapter on the Nova Southeastern University campus.

This event was sponsored by the Greek Affairs Department of the Office of Student Activities. In front of hundreds of NSU students, the gentlemen proudly expanded the NSU Greek system by becoming "lucky number 11" in the family of Greek organizations on campus.

"It's huge," said Lamaar Evan, a new member of Kappa Alpha Psi and a graduate student in business at NSU. "It's a movement; we are giving students more options," he said.

"History has been made," said Kennedy Achille, a member Kappa Alpha Psi, advisor for the new chapter and doctoral student in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution program at NSU, as this is the first chapter to be initiated for the organization in 2009. "This also shows that NSU's undergraduate population is growing as well."

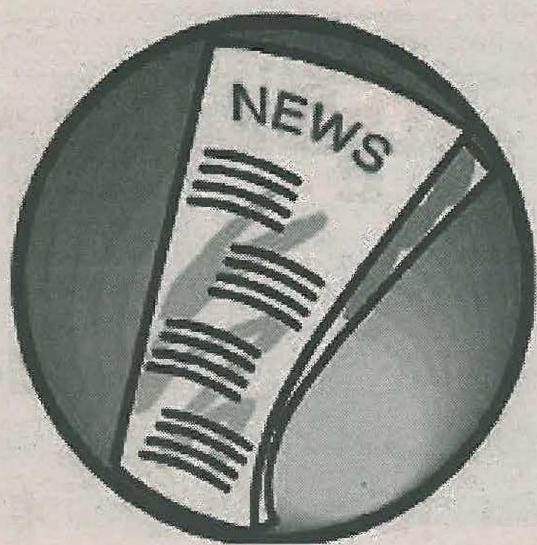
Evan continued by commenting on the responsibility as a new member of such an organization. "It's a lot of pressure. We have got to prove that we deserve to wear these letters. Keep the fraternity in good name. Keep it strong," he said.

"I feel it is a step forward as an African-American community to expand their boundaries," said John Blanc, Kappa Alpha Psi member of the Epsilon Mu chapter at Florida Memorial University.

Keth Charlot, a sophomore psychology major, expressed how she felt about the expansion. "Very happy. Kappas are finally here which brings more diversity to NSU," she said.

Chini Camargo, assistant director of student activities, commented on how she felt being a part of this historic event. "Sheer excitement and...honor. Just to know that our Greek system is growing is unbelievable."

Harlens Michell, a new member of Kappa Alpha Psi and senior psychology student summed up what this event and Greek life as a whole is about. "I've received the best gift I could have asked for...nine brothers that I truly care for," he said.

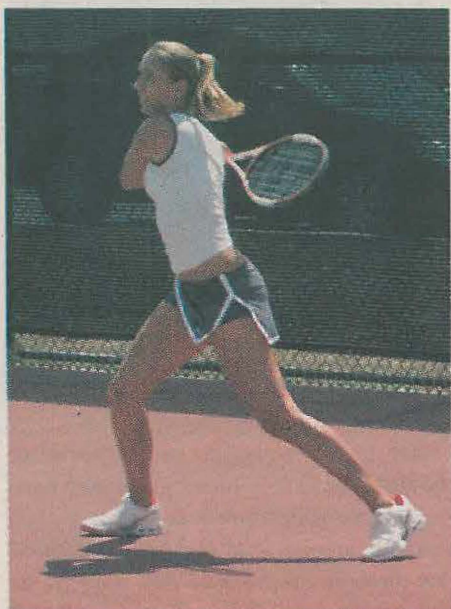


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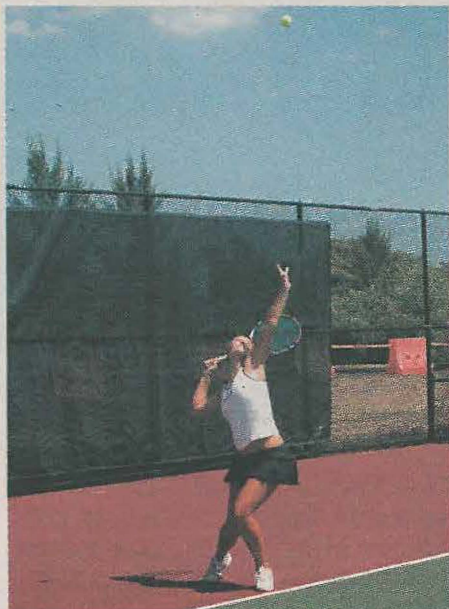
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Women's Tennis Experiences Ups and Downs



Sophomore Paige Lindsley

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Freshman Justine Feaster

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TRANELL MESA SPORTS EDITOR

The nationally ranked No. 21 NSU women's tennis team (9-4) experienced some ups and downs in their last two match-ups as they were defeated by the University of Buffalo, 7-2, then came back to sweep Minnesota State, 9-0.

In their matches against the University of Buffalo on March 13, the Sharks' two victories came from the nationally

ranked No. 3 doubles pair of senior Edita Kulichova and junior Mary Crider and the only victory in the singles came from No. 4 junior Karolina Porizkova.

In their 9-0 sweep over Minnesota State, the Sharks were able to improve their overall season record to 9-4. The Sharks completely dominated their opponents, not allowing a single rival a glimpse of hope. NSU will be back in action on their home court on March 24 at 2 p.m.

Haddock Back In Action



Freshman Kylee Jorgensen.

Courtesy of Sports Information

TRANELL MESA SPORTS EDITOR

NSU's women's track team continued to perform strong in the 2009 season while at the FAU Twilight on March 14, where freshman Kylee Jorgensen had yet another ground-breaking performance, becoming the first Shark to meet an NCAA Provisional standard thus far in the season.

While racing in the 100 meters, Jorgensen registered a time of 12:10 to take the ninth-place slot. The women's team was pleased in welcoming back junior Tara Haddock, who took some time off to play for the women's basketball team. However, she is now back and did not miss a beat, as she pulled together two

"Top 10" performances.

Haddock took third in the 1,500 meters and sixth in the 800 meters, as well as finishing second with her squad in the 4x100-meter relay.

Freshman Erin Zampell joined the women's track team after competing with the women's basketball team for the 2008-2009 season, as well, and performed extremely well in her first outing. Zampell took third in the shot put and eighth in the discus.

Freshman Kristina Labossiere registered a mark of 34'2" in the shot put to claim eighth, while freshmen Briana Dorsett and Nakita Charles brought home the fourth and seventh place titles in the javelin.

Sarosi and Coenraad Garnished with Post-Season Honors



Senior Tim Coenraad

Photo by T. Mesa



Junior Stephanie Sarosi

Photo by C. Balaban

TRANELL MESA SPORTS EDITOR

NSU's 2008-2009 men's and women's basketball seasons have come to an end but not without having gained some major recognition from a couple of standout student-athletes. Senior guard and forward Tim Coenraad (22) as well as junior center Stephanie Sarosi (44) have accumulated a number of prestigious honors in light of their tremendous performances on the basketball court, in addition to receiving a few for their dedication in the classroom as well.

Coenraad led the Sharks in multiple categories such as scoring with 13.5 per game, 3.3 assists and 1.1 steals per match up. Coenraad snatched up the title of SSC Men's Basketball Player of the Week on Feb. 16, and on March 5 he was declared as a member of the All-Sunshine State Conference Basketball First Team, marking his third All-SSC Men's Basketball selection in his career at NSU. Additionally, on March 13, Coenraad was selected as member of the DAKTRONICS 2nd Team All-South Region for the second consecutive year.

Sarosi was named SSC Women's Basketball Player of the Week on multiple occasions as per her dominance on the court, claiming the title a total of three

times. Sarosi was the leader in nearly every category for the Sharks. She was not only the most consistent shooter from the free-throw line but she also led in scoring by far with an average of 21.4 per game, becoming the first player in program history to score over 600 points in a single season.

Additionally, Sarosi averaged 9.7 rebounds and 3 blocked shots per contest. Sarosi earned herself an abundance of recognition throughout the SSC, taking hold of the SSC Player of the Year title for the second consecutive year, as well as being named the SSC All-Tournament team. On March 10, Sarosi was announced as being one of 41 players nationwide to be nominated for the 10-member State Farm Coaches' All-American Team, which will be announced on March 23. Sarosi continued to make history, as she was the first player in history to earn DAKTRONICS All-Region Honors for two straight years as she was named to the first team.

To round off their long list of accomplishments, both Sarosi and Coenraad were nominated in the Male and Female Athlete of the Year category for the ninth Annual Student Life Achievement Awards. As a junior in 2008, Coenraad was the proud recipient of this award, and he looks forward to reclaiming his title this year.

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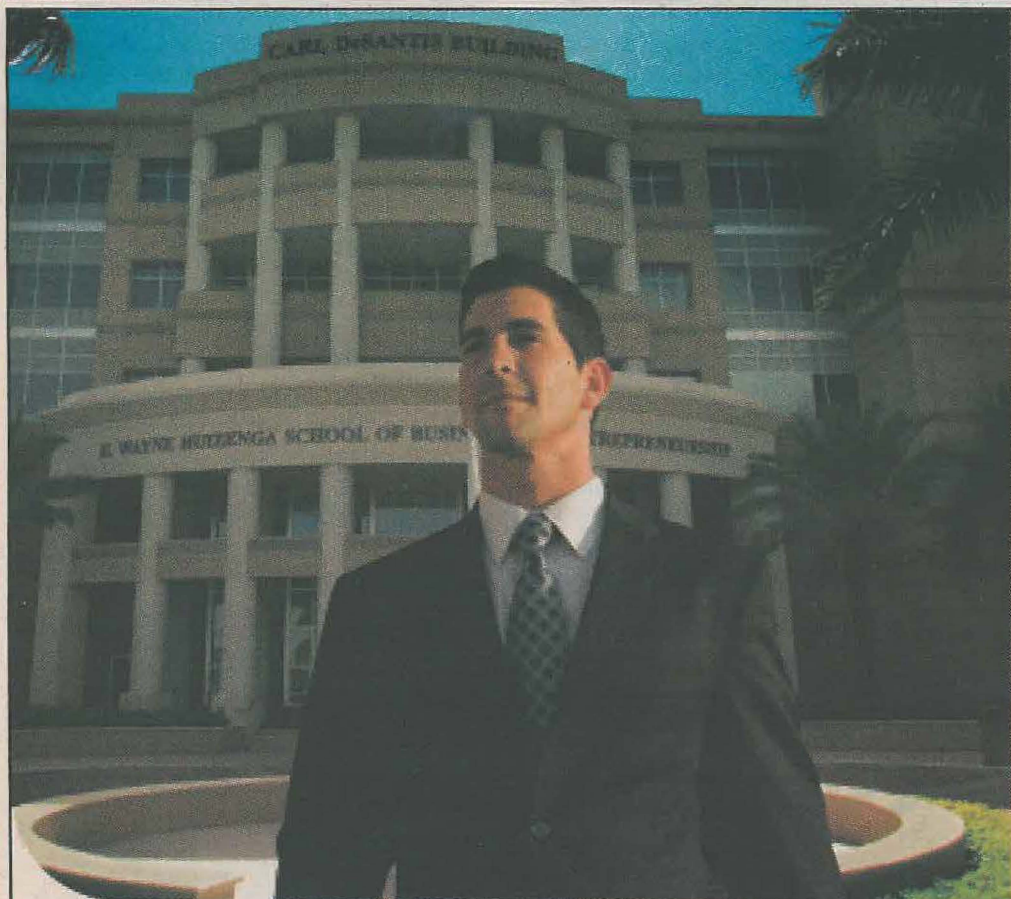
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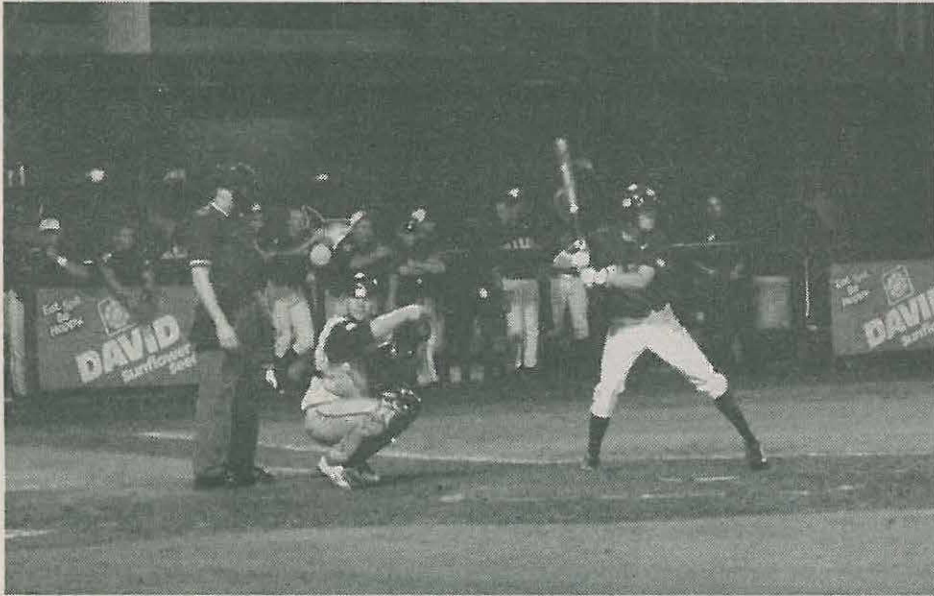
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NSU Baseball Regroups After SSC Losses



Junior J.D. Martinez steps up to the plate to bat for NSU.

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TIM COENRAAD
STAFF WRITER

The NSU baseball team (22-5; 0-3 SSC) opened the Sunshine State Conference portion of their schedule up in hostile territory as they faced the Fighting Knights of Lynn University on March 12 and 14, as well as matching up against Franklin Pierce in a non-conference battle.

The Sharks' first game of their three-game-SSC series kicked off on March 12 and proved to be an offensive struggle for both teams as the game produced a total of five hits and just one run. Senior pitcher Michael Fiers (10) pitched a beautiful game as he tallied 13 strikeouts, while giving up only three hits.

Sadly, the Sharks offense failed to produce as they were held to their first game without a single run scored. The game was decided by a single play that took place in the bottom of the eighth inning, when a solo home run gave the Fighting Knights a 1-0 lead, which NSU could not overcome.

The double header on March 14 allowed the Sharks to get on the scoreboard quickly as senior Dale Alberto (3) provided an RBI in the first inning off a sacrifice fly ball to deep centerfield. The Fighting Knights fought back and tied the game back up in the third inning with an RBI of their own, eventually taking a one-run lead. After three straight scoreless innings, NSU poured in three runs in the eighth, with RBIs raining in from sophomores David Robinson (24), Joshua Leo (13) and freshman Ryan York (41) to take a 4-2 lead.

However, Lynn outscored the Sharks 4-1 over the next inning and a half to take the game 6-5. Alberto was the spark for the Sharks, hitting 2-for-4 at the plate with two RBIs, two runs and a home run.

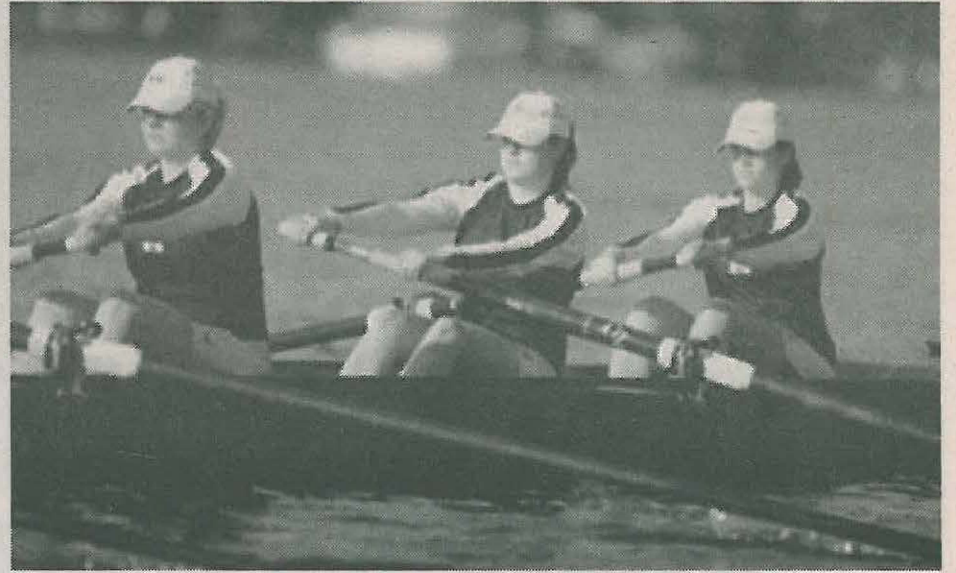
The last game of NSU's series with Lynn was lost in one unfortunate inning. The Sharks were able to tie the game back up after Lynn took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third, courtesy of junior J.D. Martinez's (20) solo home run; however, Lynn would go on to score four runs in the bottom of the fourth to bring the game to its final score of 5-1, as Lynn completed the sweep of the Sharks.

Fired up and ready to retaliate after losing to SSC rivals, NSU took the lead early against the Ravens of Franklin Pierce, never relinquishing it. J. Martinez provided offense as always, starting things off with a two-RBI home run in the bottom of the first inning.

After the Ravens found one run in the top of the third, the Sharks added another two runs in the bottom of the third, RBIs coming from junior Riann Spanjer-Furstenburg (42) and freshman Robert Mesa (28). J. Martinez increased the Sharks' lead to 5-1 in the bottom of the fourth with his third RBI of the contest.

After a solo home run from the Ravens, Leo made the score 6-2 with an RBI single to round out the scoring for the match. J. Martinez led the Sharks with three RBIs off 2-for-4 hitting, along with freshman Chris Hamper (1) who provided some offense going 3-for-4 with three runs.

Sharks Fall In Races Versus Philadelphia



Courtesy of Sports Information

TIM COENRAAD
STAFF WRITER

NSU's rowing team got back on the water on March 19 to challenge their regional rivals, the University of Philadelphia, but they were unable to capture the win as they fell in both varsity races.

The Varsity 4+ "A" and "B" boats faced Philadelphia and were able to clench

second and third-place finishes amongst the four boats racing with times of 9:18.5 and 9:42.4, respectively.

Head Coach Gartin claims the team learned a few lessons while racing that particular day, and he is sure that with the team's incredible work ethic, they will surely find more success in upcoming races.

Men's Golf Fights Back to Take the Southeastern Collegiate

TIM COENRAAD
STAFF WRITER

The No. 7 nationally ranked NSU men's golf team competed in the 2009 Southeastern Collegiate tournament held in Valdosta, GA from March 15-17, against a host of teams including several conference rivals.

After day one of competition, the Sharks maintained a third place statue just three strokes behind Georgia College and State University. Sophomore Diego Lobo shot a 69, three under-par, just one stroke behind first place individually. Senior Greg O'Mahony, junior Byron White and sophomore Jack Bartlett rounded out the Sharks' opening day, all shooting a one over 73.

Thanks to O'Mahony performing tremendously on day two by shooting a superb round low 78 to go along with White shaving two strokes off his opening round to land on a one under-par 71, the

Sharks concluded the second day by overtaking the tournament hosts Valdosta State University. NSU held onto second, just three strokes back from GCSU, who retained their lead after firing a team total five under-par for the day.

On the third and final day of the tournament, the Sharks rallied to shoot a team total of a three under, 285, forcing a playoff with GCSU. The teams were locked up after the first hole, both shooting an even par. However, on the second hole NSU went one under-par, enabling them to take the title in an impressive come-from-behind victory, proving just why they are a nationally ranked team.

O'Mahony was truly NSU's best, shooting a four under-par 212 (73-68-71) which was good for a third place tie, individually. White (73-73-71-215) followed with a 13th place finish and Lobo's 217 (69-78-70) brought him within the Top-20.

SSC Player of the Week

NSU's Athletic Department scooped in a Sunshine State Conference award for the week of March 16 because one of the women's golfers who played exceptionally well in the Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational, rightfully earning herself the title of SSC Player of the Week.

This sophomore Shark carded an incredibly consistent three-round score of 210 (71-71-68), grabbing hold of first-place honors by nine strokes out of the 76 golfers she contended with. With her stroke, this talented young golfer's performance aided her team in a first-place finish while competing.

The Sharks joyously celebrated their win but are now preparing for their next tournament on March 29, at the Hoya Invitational.

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UP/DOWN

1. I am a member of the rowing team, but I played for the women’s soccer team from 2006-2008. In my spare time I love to go horseback riding with my best friend, Becky Mesa on her ranch.
2. I am a junior on the men’s golf team. I love to watch ping pong. I am majoring in sports management but one day hope to play professionally.

ACROSS

1. I am a psychology major on the rowing team. My weekend consists of racing and working at my part time job as a dog groomer.
2. I am a 6-foot-6-inch freshman on the rowing team. I love animals, my favorite insect is the ant and I have a collection of ant farms at my house, which I spend endless hours tending to on the weekends.

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Fan of the Week

CHRISTOPHER BALABAN
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/WRITER

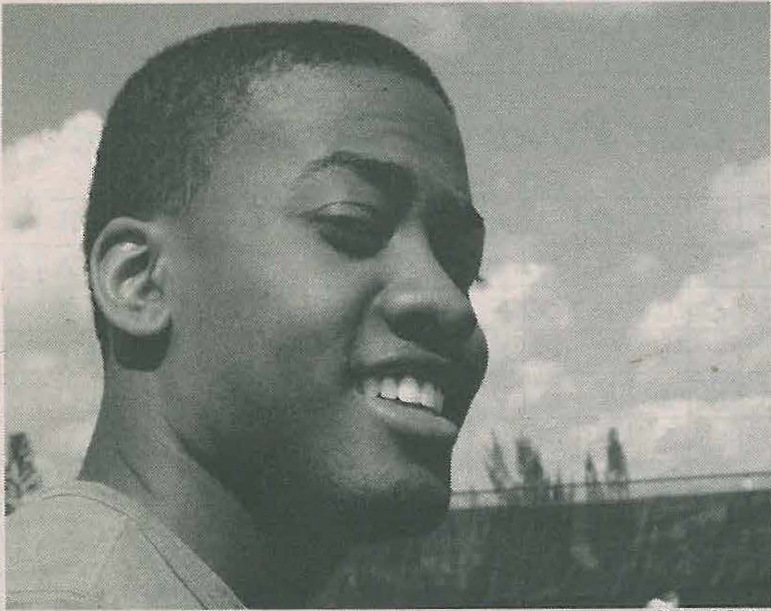


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Lyndon Forte, a NSU junior communications major, was caught on camera at the Sharks’ women’s tennis match versus Pittsburgh on March 12. Forte comes to NSU all the way from Kingston, Jamaica, and is an aspiring swimsuit model/actor. Forte claims he came out to support the NSU women’s team because of his love for the game. Forte can be seen wearing jersey No. 2 while on the field this semester playing intramural soccer. NSU commends Forte on his support for the women’s tennis team. Congratulations on being NSU’s “FAN OF THE WEEK!”

Softball Edged in Conference Three-Game Series



Courtesy of Sports Information

Junior Brittney Lamb

TIM COENRAAD
STAFF WRITER

The NSU softball team (30-9; 5-4 SSC) faced off against the University of Tampa’s Spartans in a three-game series which took place on March 13 and 14.

In the Friday night opening game, the Sharks jumped out of the gate early when juniors Noemi Luciani (1) and Lauren Lopez (15) scored two unearned runs off of a Tampa error putting the Sharks up 2-0. The Spartans would peg one run back in the bottom of the first to make the score 2-1. After five scoreless innings, Tampa came back to steal the game in the bottom of the seventh with a two-RBI walk-off triple to take the game 3-2.

In the first game of the Sharks’ double-header the following day, Tampa opened the game up with one run in the bottom of the first inning. However, their lead did not last long as senior April Donachie (8) hit an RBI sacrifice fly, allowing Lopez to

connect on an RBI triple to right field to take a 2-1 lead. For the second time in as many games, the Spartans would find two more runs late in the game to bring the game to its final score of 3-2. Lopez led the Sharks going 2-for-4 at the plate with an RBI.

In the third game of the series, Tampa took an early 1-0 lead, but they provided the Sharks with three runs in the top of the fifth as Luciani along with juniors Patty Rivero (14) and Brittney Lamb (23) all scored off Spartans’ fielding errors, taking a 3-1 lead. After the Spartans scored another run in the bottom of the fifth, NSU tagged on another four runs, thanks to RBIs from Lamb, senior Jessica Rockwell (5) and sophomore Rachel Talenfeld (0) and an unearned run. Tampa only managed to score one more run as the Sharks cruised to victory with a score of 7-3. Lamb performed well from behind the plate, going 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs in a winning effort.

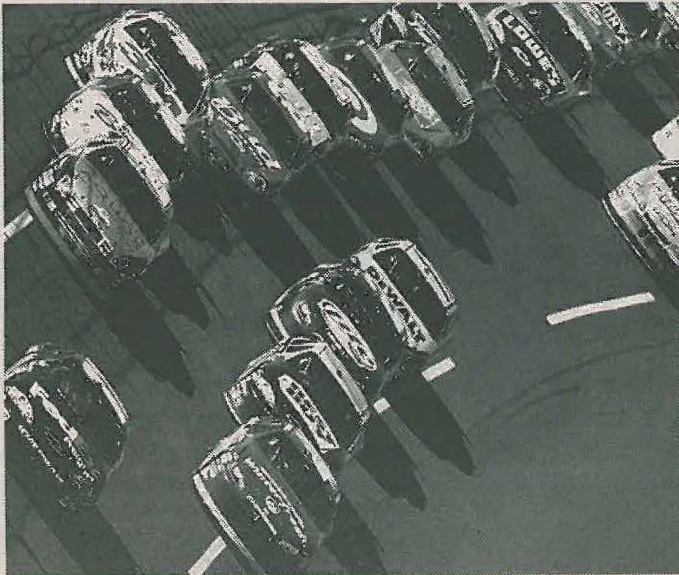
FAN POLL

TIM COENRAAD
STAFF WRITER

What is your favorite type of professional racing?
(100 NSU students were polled)

Horse Racing: 8 %
NASCAR: 56%

Triathlon (swimming, cycling and running): 36 %



“Bro-mance” Lives in “I Love You, Man”



Sydney (Jason Segel) and Peter (Paul Rudd) at a Rush concert with Peter's fiancée, Zoëy (Rashida Jones) who is feeling neglected.

ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

The new concept of “bro-mance” is explored in a hilarious way in “I Love You, Man.”

Paul Rudd plays Peter Klaven, a real estate agent who is having some trouble finding a male friend to be his best man. He consults everyone from his fiancée to his mother and his gay brother in a desperate cry for help to be matched with his male counterpart. As the movie progresses, Peter goes on many “play dates” and just plain dates that lead to extremely funny situations.

One day, after he has given up hope (as is classic in all romance movies) of finding his one true “bro,” he meets Sydney Fife (Jason Segel), who after giving Peter a quick lesson in farts, leaves him perplexed.

This first meeting is followed by an awkward message on Syd’s answering machine, which eventually leads to Peter and Syd going out. They discover a mutual and passionate love for the band “Rush,” who later appear in the movie, and rock

out in Syd’s garage. As the men become close, though, a strain is put on Peter’s relationship with his fiancée.

The movie is filled with witty, sexually-related dialogue and quotable phrases that will make you laugh all through the movie’s 110 minutes. Segel’s physical comedy is all over the place, which only accentuates his character’s hilarity.

Rudd uses Peter’s character to make him seem dry and uncomfortable around other men—especially Sydney to whom he gives a variety of awkward-sounding nicknames—that helps the audience realize why he has no male friends. The other characters in the film receive little screen time and only comment on Syd and Peter’s relationship.

John Hamburg (Director, “Along Came Polly”) delivers one of the funniest movies I have seen so far this year. “I Love You, Man” gives the viewers a look at male friendships and their inner-workings, which, as it turns out, can be hilarious and sometimes border along the lines of “Brokeback Mountain.”

Cymbals Eat Guitars’ Debut is Music History in the Making



Cymbals Eat Guitars.

STEFANI RUBINO
MANAGING/OPINIONS EDITOR

Last year, the world of indie-music saw a slight surge in the amount of bands self-releasing their debut albums. This musical phenomenon didn’t happen because the bands were horrible or couldn’t get signed; it happened because new bands are taking responsibility for the music they produce.

Now, we can add New York City’s Cymbals Eat Guitars to this roster of bands who seem to be less interested in making money and more interested in getting their voices heard. Their debut album “Why There Are Mountains” was released on March 16 and has, so far, garnered acclaim from critics and bloggers, even earning a spot on Pitchfork Media’s Best New Music list.

With all of this hype going on around Cymbals Eat Guitars, I was afraid the band would be another Vampire Weekend “copycat,” out to capitalize on the “indie-pop buzz” Vampire Weekend created last year. However, it turns out that I was happily disproven.

Cymbals Eat Guitars’ new album successfully takes on the noise-rock and experimental “movement” blazing its way through the NYC scene. The album

opens up with “...And The Hazy Sea,” a six-minute foray into everything I believe makes noise so great. The song starts out with a sort-of Animal Collective-like grouping of guitars, drums, bass, electronic effects and some looped recording of the singers’ voices. “...And The Hazy Sea” proves to be the perfect beginning to a nearly perfect record.

The best tracks on the record, though, have to be “Indiana” and “Wind Phoenix.” “Indiana” opens up with some fuzzy feedback, guitar-strumming, and melodic vocals, which then turns into a piano and horn-driven toe-tapper.

“Wind Phoenix” is similar to “Indiana” in its beginning melodies, but then turns into something so much more. The lyrics on “Wind Phoenix” are more mature and showcase the lead singer’s vocals more than any other track on the album. “Wind Phoenix” feels as if ’80s new wave is being recycled and restructured for today’s younger audiences.

For a self-released and self-produced album, “Why There Are Mountains” is a tremendous achievement and an incredible debut. By the time “Why There Are Mountains” ends, listeners will be ready to start the album right back at the beginning.



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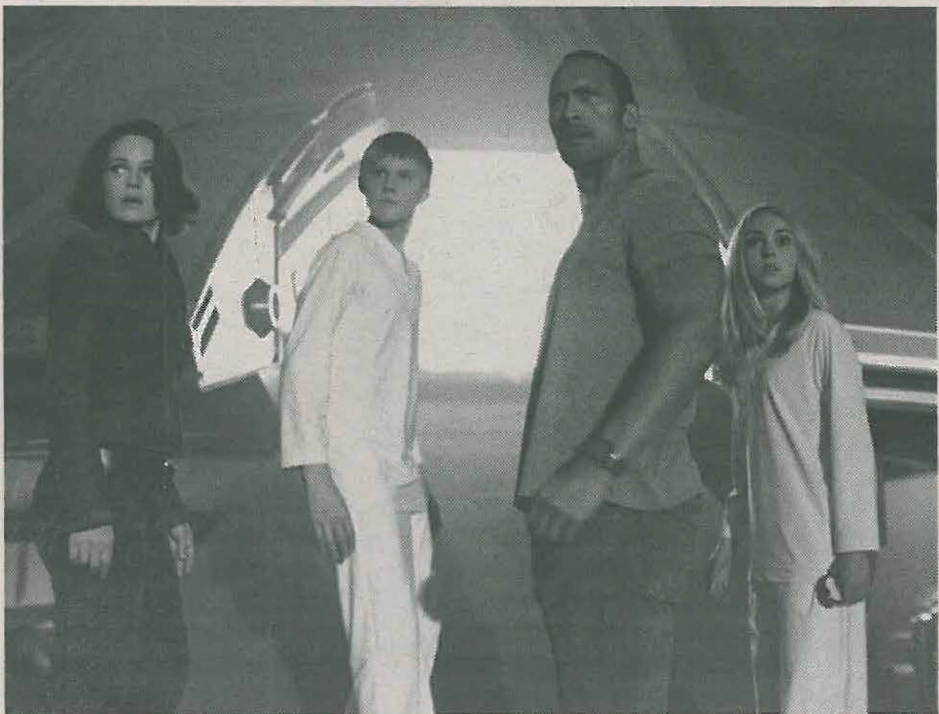
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"Race to Witch Mountain" Is Quite Entertaining



Carla Gugino, Alexander Ludwig, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and AnnaSophia Robb are confronted by their pursuers.

RACQUEL FAGON
VARIETY EDITOR

To put it bluntly, I enjoyed the film "Race to Witch Mountain." It isn't a cinematic masterpiece of any sort, nor is it an in-depth look into the existence of extraterrestrial life. It is simply a family film about being kind to strangers and ex-convicts getting second chances. These concepts are then sprinkled with mild action and chuckles to create "Race to Witch Mountain."

I am reviewing this movie based on the expectations of its target audience—kids and "tweens"—and the fact that the film delivers the right amount of "booms," "ha-has" and "aahs" that family-friendly movies need.

I saw the original film "Escape to Witch Mountain," but I don't remember enough to say what is new in this film or what is recycled. But one thing I can say, quite candidly, is that without Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson being in the film, it would have been a "Disney catastrophe." Johnson is obviously living out his contract with Disney by making these family-friendly films, but his presence in "Race to Witch Mountain" is definitely a condiment on an otherwise bland film.

Johnson plays ex-convict Jack Bruno, who has decided to change his erring ways and become a hard-working cab driver in Las Vegas. After being confronted by his past, in the guise of "bad guys" who need their money back, he is then surprised by two fares sitting in the back of his cab—Seth and Sara (Alexander Ludwig and AnnaSophia Robb).

The blonde twins then hand Johnson enough cash to total his fares for the week

and ask him to drive them into the desert to find their long-lost spaceship.

Now, this is where the fun begins. Johnson finds out that the blonde twins are extraterrestrials after seeing Seth "crash-stop" an SVU with his chest and Sara levitate his money over to him. The blonde twins and Johnson are then pursued by the Federal government and Johnson's so-called hit man and Siphon—a giant robot who wants to destroy the blonde twins for unknown reasons. The scenes following these telltale facts include the perfunctory car crashes, special effects and stunts, all creating the ideal Disney-family flick.

With all this happening, Johnson seeks the counsel of a recent passenger Dr. Alex Friedman (Carla Gugino) along with UFO specialist, Dr. Donald Harlan (Garry Marshall) to assist in figuring out the cosmic explanation for the blonde twins meeting him at that point in his life, and the reasons for saving them.

The interesting thing about "Race to Witch Mountain" is that it aims to compete in the "movie Olympics" in the categories of cinematography, plot and dialogue as if it is one of the big achievers. Moviegoers have already been awed by the gravity-defying antics of "The Matrix," "Wanted" and even the heart-touching tales of aliens such as "E.T." Competing with what is already out there is pointless. So, the only thing director Andy Fickman has done is make "Race to Witch Mountain" faster and louder than the originals.

As I said in the beginning, I enjoyed the film. It delivers the right amount of interest and excitement for a Disney-family film, which works into adequately keeping young audiences entertained.

Sunny Side Up: Continuation

ANONYMOUS

"Jay, you set the boxes on fire. What were you thinking?" Mike yelled as he moved quickly to get some old clothes to beat out the fire.

"I'm sorry, the papers just kinda slipped from me—I don't know." Of course I knew, but whatever.

Look at him beating at that fire. Pathetic! Let's see if I can spread the fire some more.

"Jesus Jay, help me put out the fire. You're just standing there looking at the fire getting bigger," Mike yelled.

"What do you want me to do, Mike?" Let me just inch closer to the plywood, so I could light some of the boxes over there. "I think we should get out of here, now."

"If we don't try to put out this fire, the whole house is going to burn down," Mike said. "We need to get it out!"

"Okay Mike." Wow, the fire is getting bigger. If Mike keeps at the fire like that he's going to get consumed—not that it's a bad idea or anything. But I can't run upstairs alone; it'll look suspicious.

"Jay, stop daydreaming and help me. Jesus! It's spreading to the other boxes!"

"Seriously Mike, I think we should go. It's getting hotter than the Sahara down here. There's no way we can put this out by ourselves. Let's go upstairs and call 911 or something."

"Mike! Jay! Oh my God—get out of there! You're going to be burnt alive," Mom shouted from the top of the basement stairs.

"Mom, call 911! If this fire isn't controlled, it's going to burn down the whole house," Mike yelled.

"The fire is getting bigger Mike, we need to go...now!" I hissed.

"Wait, let's try and get a few things for when we find Thomas."

"Are you crazy?" I asked. "You're thinking about that retard at this time? You're about to die and you're still worried about him?"

"What did you just say?" Mike asked. His eyes narrowed in a glare that, if it were possible, would slice me in two.

"You're about to die and you are still thinking about Thomas." I stated matter-of-factly.

"Yes, I'm still thinking about Thomas. We are in this because we need to help him."

"What if I told you, you can't help him? What if I told you, that he is better off where he is right now?"

I think I'm just going to move towards the stairs so I can bolt when the time is right. But man, the fire is spreading everywhere. I need to get out of here.

"Mike, Jay! Please get out of there now," Mom pleaded from the top of the stairs. "I called the fire department, and they're on their way now."

"Did you do something to Thomas, Jay?"

"Why would you ask me that? All I said was maybe where he is now is better than where you guys want him to be." Christ! It's the fastest I've ever seen Mike move before. There's murder in his eyes too.

"You little son-of-a—where's Thomas?"

"What's the matter with you Mike? You're gonna kill me too?"

"Where's Thomas, Jay?! Where is he?"



What did you do with him?"

"Well if you keep choking me, I won't be able to say anything," I croaked.

Mike is stronger than I thought. With his fingers wrapped around my throat, I started to feel sorry for what I did to Thomas 'cause it felt like the same thing was about to happen to me.

He should be happy though. I did him and Mom a favor by offing that stupid, life-sucker.

"Mike, you do notice that we are probably going to be burnt alive if we don't get out of here."

"Where's Thomas?"

"In the corner, chilling out—oh not anymore I guess. At the moment, I'm pretty sure he's keeping it warm, hot even."

"Jesus Christ Jay! What did you do?" he shouted.

"What nobody else would!" I snapped and pushed him away from me.

"You killed your own brother?" Mike asked with tears swimming in his eyes.

"Oh, stop whining Mike. You should be happy. You don't have to worry about the empty-headed lug anymore."

"Mike, Jay, this is the fire department. We took your mother out of the house, and we're going to try to get you boys out, okay? So, try to be calm." The fireman instructed. He was a few feet away from the basement doorway, as the fire was consuming the stairs and was now licking at the doorframe.

"We're not leaving this basement, Mike. Everything about Thomas' death is going to burn with us right here."

"You're messed up in the head, Jay. Jesus, you need help man," Mike said.

He stepped back until he was only a few inches from Thomas' body that was completely ablaze with the plywood.

He looked like he had genuine fear in his eyes as he looked at me. And because he wasn't paying much attention, he tripped over what was left of one of Thomas' leg and fell into the awaiting flames. Fire really works fast; it's like it swallowed Mike in one big gulp.

I know by now it's impossible for the fire department to save me—the fire is way too angry I guess. Oh well, at least I did one good thing in my life—Mom will get a bundle from the insurance company for this house. LOL!

- The End

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People in France Revolt While People in the U.S. Remain Silent

STEFANI RUBINO
MANAGING/OPINIONS EDITOR

As most of you know, the U.S. is not the only country being hit especially hard by the worldwide economic crisis. Companies in countries all over the world are shedding jobs and downsizing, while people are already struggling just to make their mortgage and credit-card payments as it is. Well, unions and the workers in those unions all across France have decided to take a stand against their government's response to this economic crisis.

Railways, airports, utility centers and various other public services have been essentially shut down by the strike. According to a March 19 New York Times article, workers are demanding "the government to safeguard jobs, to fight against labor insecurity and to safeguard workers' purchasing power."

After reading the article, I considered everything going on in this country because of or in response to the economic crisis and what the U.S. government is doing about it. Then I realized the American people have done absolutely nothing in response to more money being given to banks or the lack of regulation of what these banks are doing with the money and the fact that the government plans to increase spending in Afghanistan without removing funding from the war in Iraq.

For a while there, I saw an increased spirit and morale throughout the country when President Obama was campaigning

and especially when he was elected. I hoped this morale would stay with us, but it seems to be dissipating and disappearing. I thought the new administration would make U.S. citizens less afraid to speak up and more interested in the decisions our government makes for us.

Once again, though, Europe has beaten us to the punch as far as effective protesting goes, and maybe they always will, but that's not really the point. The point is that we're complacent, lazy and maybe some of us just don't care. So, what are we doing about it? Are people blogging? Are people protesting? Are they even writing simple letters to their representatives? Obviously, the answer is that we haven't done a thing about this situation.

We have things, like iPods, flat-screen televisions, cable and, of course, the vast World Wide Web, that distract us and keep us from thinking about how many jobs have been destroyed in the last six months or how many people are left without homes because of the credit crisis.

People say they're angry; they're outraged and shocked that these things could happen in the U.S., the so-called greatest country in the world. However, nobody, not even the unions here, are doing anything in response to the decisions our government has made and are making.

It is due time for Americans to wake up and smell the unflinching odor of a government that says they care for the working class, but does absolutely nothing to help or protect it. Obama's in office



Courtesy of Gonzalo Fuentes/Reuters
French police respond to more than 200 demonstrations across France with arrests.

now and everyone is afraid to admit the government is still making some unacceptable decisions that affect us all in a negative way.

The only way for the Obama

administration to actually understand what is going on is to show them through whatever means necessary; that way they can make decisions based on how it will affect everyone...right now.

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Smoking Initiative Seems Unnecessary



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STEFANI RUBINO
MANAGING/OPINIONS EDITOR

As you may have read earlier in this issue, NSU plans to adopt a sort-of "no-smoking-on-campus-preferred policy." Although the "rules" of this policy have not been adapted quite yet, I would like to take a minute to reflect on this idea.

First of all, I am not a smoker, but of course, I know plenty of people who are and I know there are quite a few smokers here at NSU. However, in my experience here, I have never, not once, seen a smoker without any "smoker's etiquette."

When students smoke in front of the Parker Building, they go off to the side, sit at the picnic tables or benches and usually hold their cigarettes down under the tables or benches and blow their smoke the opposite way of incoming traffic. In fact, when I first started at NSU, I remember this behavior, this "polite" behavior, being incredibly shocking to me because any time I see a group of young people smoking, I always expect it to get into my breathing space some way or another.

Second of all, the toxins in cigarette smoke aren't the only "toxins" floating around this campus. Sure, secondhand smoke is definitely a health risk, but I'm sure lots of people at NSU have allergies also. NSU's campus is heavily decorated

with flower-bearing plants and, as we saw in an issue of The Current from last year, many of the buildings are old and have some mold infestation.

Not only that, but there has been and still is so much construction going on around campus, especially where students interact or have to go to class, that there had to be dust and other stuff flying around for us all to breathe in. Obviously, I'm not saying we should stop construction or rip out all the plants around campus, but I'm wondering why making designated smoking areas is so important to the NSU administration right now.

In my opinion, the money spent building these smoking zones, creating signage and educating students on the new "rules" could be put to better use, especially on such a growth-oriented campus like NSU.

Many new programs have been created on campus that need developing and more programs are still waiting to be created. Money like this should be going toward the education of students here, not areas to sit and have a cigarette at.

According to the article, these plans have been made over the past two years, but right now, this doesn't seem as important as making NSU better educationally, so that our enrollment stays as high as it is.

Editor's Note

LAURA STARR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

While attending a meeting to inform students of the creation of the administration-initiated NSU Facebook fan page, I was pleasantly surprised that around 50 student leaders were dedicated to meeting with the fervor I witnessed. I was equally impressed with the administration's perspective on the purpose of this Web site, and their willingness to create something that will eventually be entrusted solely to the NSU students.

Even though admissions will benefit by the possible increase in enrollment due to the high-school outreach component of the site, more importantly, the site is beneficial to the current NSU students, because it will offer them a central location to be informed of the various events occurring on campus.

For clubs and organizations, it is also an efficient way to increase participation in and effectively broadcast important projects and philanthropic events that these organizations may be operating or sponsoring.

In this new age of communication, NSU's administration is also staying ahead of the curve and connecting with students by utilizing the social networking sites that are most familiar to them. As some of the administration admitted in the meeting, they are of the older persuasion. Therefore, it was savvy and somewhat openhanded of them to step out of their comfort zones and



utilize a form of communication that the students are the most comfortable with.

With collaborative initiatives such as these, it makes me proud to once again say that I am a Shark. Although this program has been started by the administration, they have made it clear that its success and usage rests solely on the students.

In my view this collaboration could also be viewed as an "olive branch" of sorts, because the administration is putting trust in NSU students that we will proudly represent what being a Shark is to the outer community. With initiatives and respectable collaborations like these, it is only a matter of time before the world knows, even more, how great NSU is and can be in the future.

On The Scene

KRISTINE BELIZAIRE
CURRENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

Should smoking be banned on campus?



"Yes, definitely. Especially as a faculty in the dental school, it would be a good example for patients to see students not smoking."

Javier Zawadzky, a third-year dental student.



"Smoking should not be banned on campus because once you ban something people are going to do it. The school should have smoking sections instead."

Marie Aguirre, a sophomore psychology major.



"Personally, I would probably say yes because it is not healthy, especially to the people who have allergies. It is not fair to smoke around them. I think it should be banned in certain locations, like door entrances."

Sade Bamigbola, a senior biology major.



"No, I don't think it should be banned. People are stressed out sometimes, especially during finals, and need a cigarette. If someone has a problem with the smoke, they should go inside."

Philip Ortiz, a junior finance major.

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